BEFORE THE DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES STATE OF UTAH

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IN THE MATTER OF TENTATIVE

DECISION TO APPROVE A NOTICE
OF INTENTION TO EXPAND
: NOTICE OF TENTATIVE
DECISION TO APPROVE

MINING OPERATIONS

FOR VERNAL PHOSPHATE OPERATIONS SIMPLOT MINE, UINTAH COUNTY

UTAH : NO. M/047/0007

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Notice is hereby given by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining of its tentative decision to approve a Significant Revision to the Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mining Operations (Notice) for the Simplot Phosphate mine. Mining is proposed to expand to the east side of Highway 191 through 2024. A total of approximately 565 acres is proposed to be disturbed. Activities will affect portions of the following areas: Sections 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 32 of Township 2 South, Range 22 East, SLBM, Uintah County, Utah. A copy of the Notice is available for public inspection at the Division's Public Information Center.

Any person or agency aggrieved by this tentative decision may file a written protest within thirty (30) days of the date of publication to Dana Dean, P.E., Associate Director of Mining, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, 1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210, Box 145801, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801, setting forth factual reasons for the complaint.

DATED THIS 1 day of March, 2015

STATE OF UTAH DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

Dana Dean, P.E.

Associate Director, Mining

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice of Tentative Decision to Approve the Significant Revision of the Large Mining Notice of Intention for Vernal Phosphate Operations, Simplot Phosphate mine M/047/0007 to be sent via facsimile, electronic mail, or mailed by first class mail, postage prepaid, the Aday of Masch, 2015 to:

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Penny Berry, Secretary

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